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SUBJECT: Consideration of Capacity and Equitable Distribution in Selections

1. Here's a question that comes up often: How to treat current indefinite delivery contracts (IDC) that a firm has when evaluating its capacity to accomplish the work and equitable distribution of workload in A-E selections?
2. When evaluating capacity, which is a primary selection criteria, consider the full potential value of any ongoing IDCs that a firm has been awarded. This is work which could materialize during the life of the contract under selection and affect a firm's ability to perform the work in the required time. (Similarly, consider any unawarded options to fixed-price contracts that could be awarded during the period of the contract under selection.)
3. When evaluating equitable distribution, which is a secondary selection criteria, consider the total amount of task orders that have been awarded by DoD agencies in the last 12 months. This data is available from ACASS. (See DFARS 236.602-1(a)(6)(A).) Don't consider unawarded options to IDC task orders or unawarded IDC option periods. (Similarly, don't consider unawarded options to fixed-price contracts.)
4. In summary, consider all potential work when evaluating capacity, but only work actually awarded when considering equitable distribution.

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